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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH NUCLEAR PROGRAM: PURCHASE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR

REF: A. STATE 8969 B. 76 DACCA 6374

1. WE SHARE DEPARTMENT'S ASSUMPTION (REFTEL A) THAT STATEMENT BY FOREIGN SECRETARY REPORTED REFTEL B IS MORE AUTHORITATIVE THAN THAT BY BAEC CHAIRMAN DR. INNAS ALI.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN ON TOUR AND PLANS TO MAKE HELPFUL POINTS LISTED PARA 3, REFTEL A, TO FOREIGN SECRETARY LATER THIS WEEK. WE ARE CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT FONSEC WILL RAISE A QUESTION WITH BROADER POLITICAL DIMENSION FOR BANGLADESH-US RELATIONS THAN IMMEDIATE ISSUE OF NPT ADHERENCE AND PURCHASE OF ATOMIC RESEARCH REACTOR. HE HAS INDICATED (PARA 4, REFTEL B) HIS CONCERN THAT A DECISION BY BANGLADESH TO ADHERE TO NPT AS STEP FORWARD BDG CONTEMPLATED PURCHASE OF REACTOR WILL BE SEEN BY POLITICAL CRITICS OF GOVERNMENT HERE AND PERHAPS BY OTHER NATIONS AS WELL AS BDG CONCESSION TO US PRESSURE.

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3. WE BELIEVE HIS CONCERN CENTERS ON DEGREE TO WHICH SUCH POSSIBLE CRITICISM WOULD BE HEIGHTENED IF USG WERE TO APPLY POLICY OF REGARDING NPT AS "STRONG POSITIVE FACTOR" FOR NEW OR EXPANDED NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENTS (REFTEL A) ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WE BELIEVE HE PERSONALLY, AND HIS GOVERNMENT, WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY

EMBARRASSED IF, FOLLOWING A BDG DECISION TO ADHERE TO NPT, USG WERE TO SELL A COMPARABLE NUCLEAR REACTOR TO ANOTHER NATION IN ABSENCE OF NPT ADHERENCE BY THAT PURCHASING NATION.

4. ANY GUIDANCE ON THIS SPECIFIC ASPECT OF THE NPT ISSUE, WHICH WE ARE CONFIDENT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL RAISE WHEN WE OFFER HIM GUIDANCE CARRIED REFTTEL A, WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL.
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